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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending July 25, 2004, wheat harvest made good progress and is nearing completion, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn conditions are at a level not surpassed since 1994, although additional rains are needed to keep dryland fields at this level. Other producer activities included oat and hay harvest and irrigation activities.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures for the week averaged 3 to 8 degrees below normals. Precipitation was statewide with amounts ranging to over three inches in areas of the southwest. Some localized flooding occurred in those areas.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending July 25, 2004

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	11	9	25	28
Short	24	25	43	33
Adequate	61	64	32	38
Surplus	4	2	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	28	23	24	31
Short	28	27	43	31
Adequate	43	49	33	38
Surplus	1	1	0	0
Days Suitable	5.3	5.5	6.8	6.1

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 50 good, and 34 excellent, above last year and average. Irrigated fields rated 89 percent good and excellent while dryland fields rated 79. This compares to 77 and 40, respectively, a year ago. Silking was 81 percent complete, ahead of last year at 67 and average at 73. Five percent of the acreage had reached the dough stage, the same as last year but behind average at 9.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 53 good, and 24 excellent, above last year and average. Seventy-four percent of the acreage had bloomed, ahead of last year at 67 but the same as average. Twenty-eight percent had set pods, ahead of last year at 9 and average at 21.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 29 fair, 49 good, and 19 excellent, above last year and average. Nine percent had headed out, the same as last year but behind average at 17.

Wheat harvest progressed to 92 percent complete, the same as last year and average.

Oat condition rated 11 percent very poor, 13 poor, 23 fair, 42 good, and 11 excellent. Harvest progressed to 63 percent cut, behind last year at 70 and average at 73.

Dry beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 25 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent. Twenty-nine percent of the acreage had bloomed, behind last year at 62 and average at 60. Five percent had set pods, behind last year and average at 16.

Alfalfa conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 13 poor, 27 fair, 41 good, and 15 excellent, above last year and average. Second cutting activities were 83 percent complete, behind last year and average at 90. Third cutting activities were underway with 3 percent harvested, behind last year at 4 and average at 7. Wild hay condition rated 11 percent very poor, 12 poor, 28 fair, 41 good, and 8 excellent.

Crop Progress : Nebraska, Week Ending July 25, 2004

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	3	0	4	7
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	83	73	90	90
Corn Silked	81	49	67	73
Corn Dough	5	3	5	9
Oats Harvested	63	24	70	73
Sorghum Headed	9	1	9	17
Soybeans Blooming	74	65	67	74
Soybeans Setting Pods	28	11	9	21
Wheat Harvested	92	65	92	92

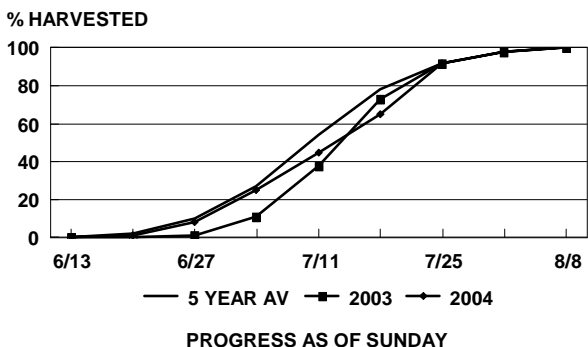
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending July 25, 2004

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Alfalfa	4	13	27	41	15
Corn	1	2	13	50	34
Oats	11	13	23	42	11
Sorghum	1	2	29	49	19
Soybeans	1	3	19	53	24

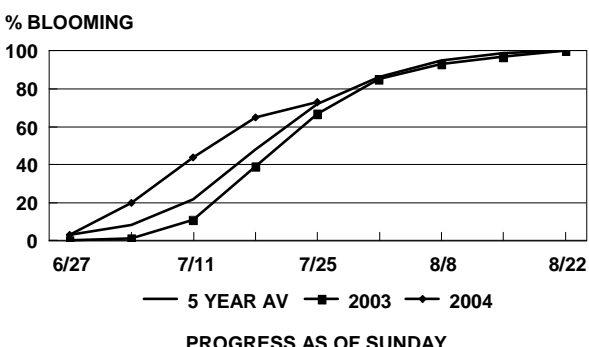
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 11 percent very poor, 16 poor, 31 fair, 34 good, and 8 excellent, above a year ago and average.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm). For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2004.htm>.*

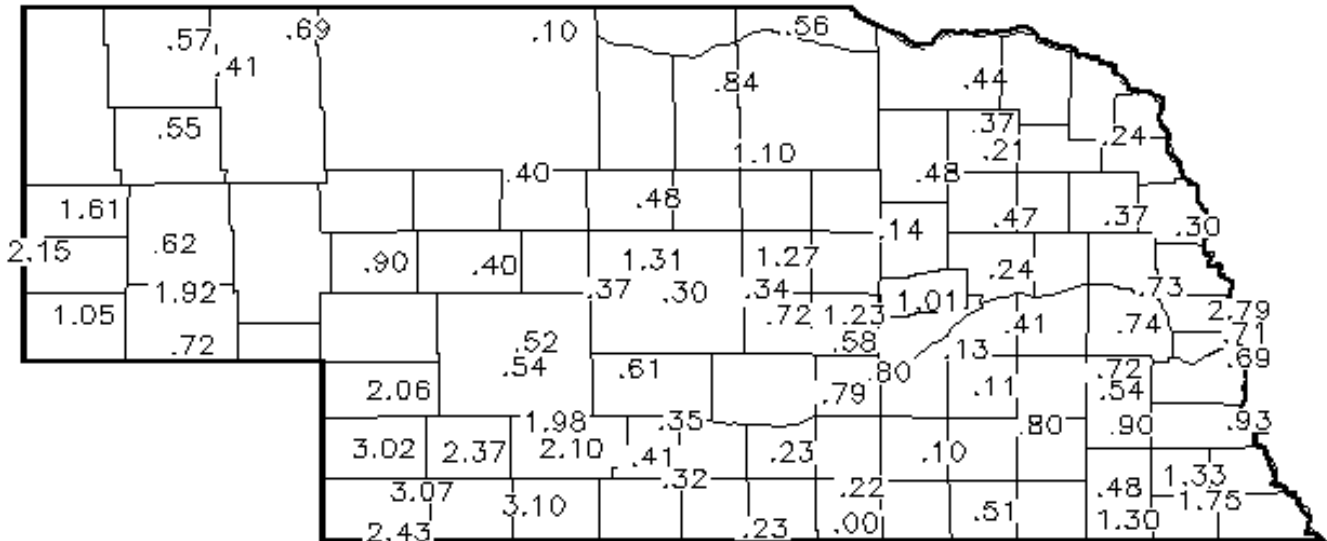
WHEAT



SOYBEANS



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending July 25, 2004



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - July 25, 2004

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.20	.87	.37	.78	.80	2.10	.25	.80
Total since April 1	8.03	12.03	14.89	12.55	12.85	13.84	12.55	13.82
Normal since April 1	9.69	11.55	13.22	12.51	13.72	11.20	12.24	14.03
Total as % of normal	82%	103%	112%	100%	93%	123%	103%	98%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, July 25, 2004

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	99	46	67	-7	106	1268	1459
	Scottsbluff	98	50	67	-6	107	1392	1458
	Sidney	98	48	67	-7	105	1318	1504
NC	Ainsworth	101	48	72	-4	134	1418	1672
	Arthur	100	49	69	-6	117	1338	1595
	O'Neill	102	49	72	-4	138	1437	1709
NE	Concord	92	50	72	-5	144	1488	1767
	Elgin	96	50	72	-5	138	1489	1739
	West Point	93	50	73	-5	149	1605	1841
C	Grand Island	96	54	71	-5	136	1659	1732
	Lexington	98	56	73	-3	149	1710	1693
	Ord	99	47	72	-4	139	1563	1714
EC	Lincoln	99	54	75	-4	159	1829	1904
	Central City	98	54	73	-4	143	1682	1761
	Mead	95	50	73	-5	146	1729	1888
SW	Champion	99	50	69	-6	117	1513	1619
	North Platte	100	46	71	-5	131	1575	1646
	Curtis	98	49	71	-4	136	1651	1651
SC	Arapahoe	99	49	68	-8	108	1356	1592
	Minden	96	56	71	-5	140	1702	1715
	Red Cloud	99	55	73	-4	149	1787	1752
SE	Beatrice	100	53	74	-5	153	1827	1904
	Clay Center	96	53	72	-5	139	1672	1749
	Nemaha	99	54	74	-4	156	1889	1922

Source: High Plains Climate Center.